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APPLICANT: Norton Spiel and Robert Dorishook

TITLE: SEMI-AUTOMATIC PLASTIC SPIRAL BINDING MACHINE

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EXAMINER: M. Henderson

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above entitled application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to the following, which constitutes a clean copy thereof:

--COIL SPREADER FOR SPIRAL BINDING MACHINES--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

After the title, please insert as follows:

-- This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/460,887 filed December 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,312,204, which application is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/843,754 of April 21,